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vs

S.L. BURT

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MEMORANDUM OF LAW IN SUPPORT OF
PETITION FOR WRIT OF HABEAS CORPUS
UNDER 28 U.S.C. § 2254

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STATEMENT OF QUESTIONS PRESENTED

- II. WAS PETITIONER DENIED HIS CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHT TO A SPEEDY TRIAL AND THE RIGHT TO BE TRIED WITHIN 180 DAYS WHEN, THROUGH NO FAULT OF PETITIONER, TRIAL DID NOT COMENCE,
- III. WAS PETITIONER DENIED HIS CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHT TO EFFECTIVE ASSISTANCE OF COUNSEL WHEN TRIAL COUNSEL'S CUMULATIVE ERRORS DENIED PETITIONER A FAIR TRIAL.
- III. WAS PETITIONER DENIED HIS SIXTH AMENDMENT RIGHT TO CONFRONT HIS ACCUSERS WHEN PETITIONER'S CONFICTION WAS BASED ON THE HEARSAY STATEMENTS OF UNAVAILABLE DECLARANTS AND SINCE THERE WAS NO OPPORTUNITY TO CROSS EXAMINE ACCUSERS WAS PETITIONER DENIED HIS SIXTH AMENDMENT RIGHT WITNESSES AGAINST HIM.
- IV. WAS PETITIONER DENIED THE FUNDAMENTAL RIGHT TO DUE PROCESS TO PRESENT A DEFENSE WHEN POLICE DISTROYED THE EVIDENCE AGAINST HIM?
- V. WAS PETITIONER ENTITLED TO RESENTECING BECAUSE THE STATUTORY SENTENCING GUIDELINES WERE MISSCORED AS TO THE OFFENSE VARIABLES WHICH EFFECTED THE STATUTORY SENTENCING GUIDLINE RANGE?

AFTER REMAND

- VI. DID THE TRIAL COURT IMPOSE AN UNREASONABLE SENTENCE OF 120 TO 240 MONTHS IMPRISONMENT FOR THE OPERATING/MAINTAINING A METH LABORATORY INVOLVING METHAMPHETAMINE AND DELIVERY/MANUFACTURE OF METHAMPHETAMINE?
- VII. IS PETITIONER ENTITLED TO BE RE SENTENCED BEFORE A DIFFERENT JUDGE WHERE THE TRIAL COURT AGAIN SCORED OFFENSE VARIABLE 14 and again PLACED HIM IN AN INACURATELY HIGH RANGE FOR THE MINIMUM SENTENCE NOTWITHSTANDING A PRIOR RULING OF THE MICHIGAN SUPREME COURT IN THIS CASE AND ESTABLISHED LAW BY UNCONSTITUTIONALLY USING JUDICIAL FACT-FINDING TO SCORE THE VARIABLE AND THEREBY INCREASE THE GUIDLINE RANGE?

STATEMENT OF FACTS

In reviewing the Michigan Court Of Appeals opinion in this case it is obvious they have the facts in the case twisted. The courts seem to have relied on and based their opinion on the sole mischaracterization of evidence presented in the state's brief.

1. The state offered no tangible lab results as proof they found any methamphetamine. In fact the lab results they attempted to use as their proof were debunked at trial causing the state to switch up their theory in mid trial from cooking the meth to now attempting to cook meth.
2. The state's new theory of attempting to cook meth did not meet the elements nor support the charges petitioner was subsequently convicted of. hence operating and maintaining a meth lab. and possession of methamphetamine.
3. The so called crime scene photos were staged. The police were forced to admit at trial that the items depicted in their photos had first been gathered from many different locations throughout the home, vehicles, and property before then being staged together for the purpose of taking photos. This can only be construed as an attempt to mislead the jury into believing Petitioner has assembled these items himself in order to make meth.
4. No proof of any confession. Contrary to the state law there was no recording of Petitioner's alleged confession the Mich. C.O.A. found so damaging (making it un-admissible by law state law). Nor was there any signed confession the police claimed Petitioner made so willingly. Only the word of biased police officers serving their own interest was offered as proof Petitioner confessed.
5. The police claim Petitioner led them to a box of un-opened sudophederine pills that he himself purchased in order to make meth. Yet when asked to

produce these alleged pills the state claims to have destroyed them without first even taking a picture of this crucial evidence. They had time to stage other photos yet claim to of had no time to take a single picture of the main ingredient needed to produce meth by their own theory. Nor did the state produce a signed time stamp from the national registry proving who where and when any sudo pills have been purchased as is required by law. Note: they provided this time stamp on the other defendants proving their purchase.

6. Against the 6th amendment right to present a defense the jury was shown only one side of the story, the state's. After pushing back the trial another 2 weeks defense counsel forgot to update the subpoenas requiring the presence of Petitioner's witnesses. Instead of asking the court for a continuance to secure the rebuttal witnesses. Defense counsel simply rested without presenting any of the witnesses he had promised the jury. He claimed he didn't need them because the state failed to make their case.

7 The state produced no witnesses at trial instead they were allowed to base their entire case on hearsay statements allegedly made by the non-testifying co-defendants. Against Petitioner's right to confront his accusers.

NO DRUGS, NO CONFESSION, NO WITNESSES

NO CASE

The standard for review of a habeas petition is set forth in 28 U.S.C. §2254 (d). That section provides that the writ may be granted if the state appeal:

- (1) resulted in a decision that was contrary to , or involved an unreasonable application of, clearly established Federal law, as determined by the Supreme Court of the United States.
- (2) resulted in a decision that was based on an unreasonable determination in light of the evidence presented in the state court proceeding.

In the Michigan court of appeals decision, they ruled the prosecutor only used the co-defendant's testimonial out-of court statements against Petitioner to show why the police were called to /dispatched to his home Clearly this is contrary to the United States Supreme Courts ruling in Crawford V. Washington, 541 U.S. 36 (2004) where the Supreme Court announed a new standard with regards to the sixth amendment guarantee that a defendant has a right to confront adverse witnesses. The Prosecutor used statements allegedly made by the confidential informant 3 days after Petitioner was already in jail telling how Petitioner supposedly helped him cook the meth, going on in detail how Petitioner shook the bottle, and how Petitioner suplyed some of the materials. Since 1965 the United States Supreme Court has over and over again ruled that the Sixth Amend. Confrontation Clause entitles a defendant to the exclusion of non-testifying co-defendant's police statements that implicate the Defendant. Bruton V. United States 391 U.S. 123 (1968). Furthermore statements made by an informant are testimonial and can not be used against the accused unless the accused has the oppertunity to cross-examine the informant. US V. Cromer 389 F3d 662,670-671(CA6.2004). See trial

transcripts vol II pg 53-54 depicting statements made 3 days after Petitioner had been arrested and in jail. How can the Michigan C..O.A. claim these statements offered by the prosecution was only made to show why police were dispatched to Petitioners home:

Q: Alright, so you spoke to Keven Parsons again on the date of Jan. 11th correct?

A: Correct

Q: Alright, and didn't he again indicate Mr. Johnson and he were cooking meth?

A: Correct

Although the C.O.A. refers to this evidence in their opinion (clearly indicating they were well aware of it.) They point out that in his brief Petitioner failed to list these pages in his argument therefore it is not their job to search through the transcripts to find the evidence.. Petitioner contends that it is vice versa and it's not their job to turn a blind eye to the obvious evidence staring them right in the face.

Petitioner pointed out the prosecution's closing arguments to the Michigan court of appeals in his appeals brief See (tt vol IV pg29)

Prosecutor's closing arguments

"You've heard statements made by Mr. Parson's and it's clear Mr. Parson's made a couple different statements. It's clear Mr. Parson's made a couple of different stories. He told some people that he set up Mr. Johnson. He told some people that they were both involved and this was kind of a group effort."

This statement as well as others introduced by the prosecutor in her closing arguments supposedly made by co-defendant's against Petitioner can only be construed in one way and that was to implicate Petitioner and certainly dictated the out-come of his trial of guilty. The sixth amend seeks fairness indeed-but seeks it through very specific means (one of which is confrontation) that were the

(foot note see trial transcript vol IV pg 63)

trial rights of englishmen. It "dose not suggest any open-ended exceptions from the confrontation requirement to be developed by the courts Crawford, supra at 54, 124 SCt 1354:

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INEFFECTIVE ASSISTANCE OF COUNSEL FOR FAILURE TO PROTECT
DEFENDANT'S SIXTH AND FOURTEENTH AMENDMENT RIGHT TO AN
IMPARTIAL AND UN-BIASED JURY

Trial counsel (MR Thomas) was ineffective whereas he failed to protect Defendant's 6th and 14th Amendment rights to a fair and impartial jury. Counsel neglected to act with customary skill and diligence of a resonable competent attorney in that he failed to comfirm or raspond to a vanire person's expressed admission of biased see Hughes v US 258 F3d 453 (cir 6th). There is no basis to conclude that the juror was able to cast aside her oppinion and render a verdict based on the evidence as niather counsel nor the trial court made any futher inquiry into the juror's statements. Counsel's dicision to seat a biased juror denied Defendant his consitutional right to an impartial jury. After juror Schook revealed that three of her imeadiate family membars had struggled with a prolonged drug addiction that lead to her Maturnal father and stepfather's subsequent death and her brother ending up in jail for drugs. Juror Schook expressed her obvious dislike for anything to do with drugs. She also addmitted that she had personally been a victum of something related to drugs that she refused to reveal. Ms Schook basically blames drugs for taking everyone away from her which placed her in foster care at the age of 12. To futher confirm her inability to be impartial during the trial courts voir dire questions to the

entire venire panel. Juror Schook again raised her hand in response to the trial judge's direct question concerning the possibility of a biased juror.

Trial court: Q: Ladies and Gentlemen that are in the jury box right now. You don't have to tell me why but I just want to make sure that you feel as though you'd be able to sit as a fair and impartial juror for any reason any of these questions, anything that comes to mind, is there anybody that doesn't feel that you could sit on this particular jury as fair and impartial juror?

A: Juror Schook raises her hand.

Q: Okay Miss Schook, your life experiences?

A: Exactly.

The court: Ok thank you.

There was no further colloquy with juror Schook by either the court or Defense counsel. Defendant contends the facts within Defendant's case mirrors that of the deciding facts of the (6th Cir) decisions within both Miller v Webb 385 F3d 666 (2004) (6th Cir) and Hughes v US 258 F3d 453; citing Hughes.

"When a trial court is confronted with a biased juror, as in this case the judge must either Sua Sponte or upon a motion, dismiss the prospective juror for cause. Frazier v United States 355 U.S. 497, 511; 93 LEd. 187; 69 S.Ct 201 (1948). Because the trial court failed to respond to juror Bell's statement of bias on [**25] voir dire, we find that, as in Hughes, counsel's failure to respond in turn was objectively unreasonable pursuant to Strickland. When a venireperson expressly admits bias on voir dire,

without a court response or a follow-up, for counsel not to respond [to the statement of partiality] in turn is simply a failure to exercise the customary skill and diligence that a reasonably competent attorney would provide" Hughes 258 F3d at 462 (quoting Johnson v Armontrout 961 F2d 748,754; (8thcir1992)).

The decision to seat a biased juror cannot be a discretionary or strategic decision Id. at 463 (citing United States v Martinez-Salazar 528 US 304, 316; 145L.E.d. 2d 792; 120 Sct. 774(2000) holding that the seating of a biased juror who should have been dismissed for cause requires reversal of the conviction.

FACTS WITHIN THE RECORD WILL SHOW:

Although Petitioner raised the issue of in-effective assistance of appellate counsel in his standard 4 brief which was submitted to the state courts. Petitioners standard 4 was denied . The state courts ruled that any issues raised on the remand were to be limited to only sentencing issues. Therefore Petitioner only presents this violation of his constitutional right to be provided with effective assistance of appellate counsel to futher show this court the travisty of injustice that was perpitrated against him.

Where appellate counsel seeks to raise in the trial court issues and files a untimely motion to remand in the Court Of Appeals, or fails to include an offer of proof or affidavit in support of the motion's factual basis, the motion will be denied and the issues are not preserved for review. People v Pawelczak, 125 Mich App. 231(1983); People v Duranszau, 221 Mich App. 204 (1997).

In the Michigan Court Of Appeals decision. It states that:

Defendant argues that he was denied the effective assistance of counsel as a result of the cumulative effect of several alleged errors on the part of defense counsel. To preserve a claim of ineffective assistance of counsel, a defendant should move for a new trial or a Ginther Hearing. *People v Sabin* (on second remand), 242 Mich App 656, 658; 620 NW2d 19 (2000). Defendant's motion in the trial court was dismissed as untimely. Because defendant's claim of ineffective assistance of counsel is unpreserved, our review is limited to errors apparent on the record. *People v Matuszak*, 263 Mich App 42,48; 687 NW2d 234(2004).

Defendant contends that not only did he submit an affidavit to his appellate counsel he further insisted that appellate counsel pay strict attention to the time limits on filing his motion to remand. Appellant counsel assured Defendant that he had done this several times and he wasn't about to forget. This is exactly what happened Appellate Counsel simply forgot to file Defendant's request for a remand within the time allotted by MCR 7.204(A)(2).and was consequently denied his remand, substantially affecting his first appeal of right.

The remedy for a violation of the right to effective assistance of counsel on appeal is to reinstate the appeal of right. *Benoit v Bock*, 237 F. Supp.2d. 804(ED Mich 2003). However, Habeas relief can be unconditionally granted where affording a new appeal "would not vitiate the prejudice to the petitioner from denial of direct appellate review". *Ward V Wolfenbarger*, 340 F.Supp.2d.773 (E.D.Mich.2004) (Quoting *Hannon v Maschar*, 981 F2d. 1142(10cir1992).

The following arguments are only being offered in rebuttal to the

Michigan Court of Appeals claim there was over-whelming evidence of Petitioners guilt. The simple truth is, there was no evidence and the case was based on a total mis-representation of the true facts. It's like the Michigan C.O.A. didn't bother to read Petitioners brief if they had they surely would have seen. There was no confession, there was no meth found, the box of meth componates they found so damning in their opinion was admittedly staged by the police. It's as if the court refuses to see whats staring them in the face. It's as if the appellate courts are simply an extension of the prosecutors office, even with that being said one would think that when the violations are so obvious even the most biased judges would have a hard time turning a blind eye.

Defense Counsel was ineffective when he failed to object to the prosecutors blatant misrepresentation of the facts in the case as she misled the jury in her closing arguments into believing that there was rock salt, table salt, and Drano found in the defendant's bedroom on his dresser next to his bed. (Mischaracterization of evidence People v. Coy, 243 Mich. App. 283 (2000)) This assertion was completely unfounded and untrue and highly prejudicial against the defendants presumed innocence. As there is no testimony ever so remotely suggesting that anything of the sort that could or may have been used in the manufacture of meth was found in the defendants bedroom next to his bed where he slept.

To further exasperate her false analogy of the facts she goes on to imply if not for the use of making meth then how odd is it that someone would keep those items on a dresser next to their bed.

(Prosecutor / Ms. Coaster:)

"There is also argument about rock salt being tossed out on the side walk. Again the point becomes who keeps that on their bedroom dresser next to their table salt that they're gonna eat with next to their Drano opener? Funny all of these items are together and they can all make meth but they're on a bedroom dresser. It is reasonable to believe that someone would keep that on their dresser so that they could just throw the salt out in the morning when the sidewalk's slippery, carry it from their bed with them, go outside and throw it on their

sidewalk and keep their table
salt in their bedroom just in
case they were eating in the bed
and wanted to salt something and,
just in case maybe they thought their
toilet was clogged, it's right at hand
so that next time they go to the toilet
they can use the Drano opener too?

No it makes more sense, it's
reasonable to believe that those items
are kept on the dresser that is next
to the bag on the wall that contains
meth.

Defendant contends that these alleged items were said to
have been found in a 8' (foot) utility room located off the
southwest corner of the residence that the prosecutors office
is referring to as a bedroom. As the evidence further shows,
supported by the states own picture evidence. There was no
bed of any sort found in this room nor were there any clothing
or such items that could be directly related to the defendant.
The pictures clearly depict tools and other objects on and
hanging out of the half open dresser drawer, being used as a
tool cabinet.

Furthermore the room as the pictures show is filled from
the floor to ceiling with window screens, paint cans, camping

gear, vacuum cleaners, fans, and other things one might store in a spare room of its size. But there is no bed or any hint of one sleeping in this room. There is further testimony to confirm that defendants 26ft x 16ft bedroom was in fact on the North end of the home where there was also a King sized electric bed fully made, three dressers, two night stands, a Hot Tub and two large closets full of defendants clothes and a computer desk. Nothing was claimed to have been found in the defendants bedroom where he frequents and ultimately sleeps.

The prosecutor stated, "Wouldn't you know if your buddy left some dope taped to your bedroom wall? Id. at Pg. 65 Defense argument should have been, No not if you don't use this room, it's only use is as a storage room where guest put there things when staying over night.

The prosecutors closing arguments are a complete misrepresentation of the facts as were entered into evidence and blatant violation of the defendants 6th Amendment Rights to a Fair Trial by her submission of false evidence to the jury and a violation of defendants 4th Amendments Rights of Due Process where as the prosecution is limited to presenting the facts elicited at trial in her closing, arguments, additionally although the prosecution showed pictures of items they claim to of come from the defendants home. No rock salt, table salt or Drano had ever been properly substantiated, ●

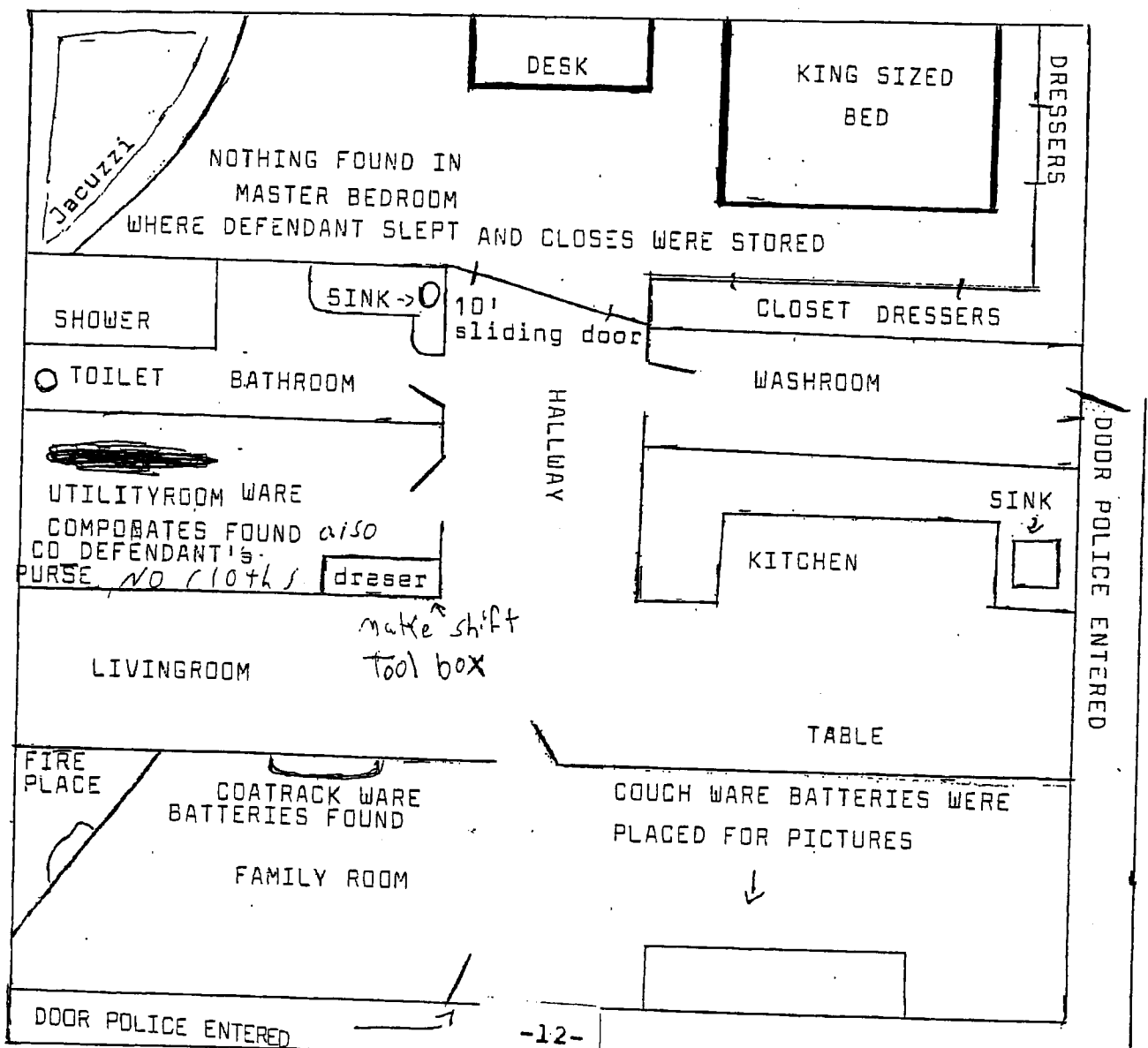
entered into evidence under MRE 702 against defendant at trial.

The prosecutor must confine his or her comments to the facts in evidence, inferences arising from those facts and matters of common knowledge, *People v. Hoshowski*, 108 Mich. App. 321 (1981), *People v. Carey*, 110 Mich. App. 187 (1981).

In the spare room where the rock salt, draino, and alleged drugs such as Co-Defendant Tammy Harbins purse with the marijuana were said to be found had no bed, no night stand and was filled from ceiling ^{to floor} with storm windows, screens, paint cans, rakes, shovels, and other tools that would be expected to find in a utility room

Additionally there was an older dresser that had obviously been converted into a makeshift tool cabinet (full of cleaning supplies and tools which were all over the dresser and filled the drawers. No clothing was found in this so-called dresser. Only household cleaning supplies including rock salt for the surrounding sidewalk.

police testified that items found all throughout the house, garage and work truck were brought into the utility room/spare-bed-room ^{placed into} a box on top of the makeshift toolbox and then pictures were taken of the now embellished crime scene and then shown to an un-witting jury as evidence. *of a meth Lab*



~~As~~ As further evidence to refute the Michigan C.O.A. claims that Petitioner must be guilty after all he confessed.

APPELLANT WAS DENIED DUE PROCESS PROTECTIONS
WHERE TRIAL COUNSEL FAILED TO REQUEST
A MIRANDA HEARING WHERE APPELLANT ASSERTED
THAT RIGHT DURING LAW ENFORCEMENT INTERROGATIONS
AND APPELLANT ADAMANTLY DENIED MAKING ANY
VOLUNTARY STATEMENTS AND OR CONFESSION.

STANDARD OF REVIEW

Where a defendant's Due Process Rights were violated presents a question of Constitutional Law that is reviewed De Novo.

A defendant who asserts his Miranda Rights may not be further interrogated until counsel is made available to him or her, unless the defendant initiates further communication with the police. People v. Paintman, 92 Mich. App. 412 (1979), rev'd on other grds 412 Mich. 518 (1982).

A heavy burden rests on the prosecution to demonstrate that defendants knowingly and intelligently waived the privilege against self-incrimination. Miranda v. Arizona, 384 U.S. 436 (1966).

An accused person who is in custody must, before any questioning by police, be warned that he has the right to remain silent, that any statement he does make may be used as evidence against him, and that he has the right to the presence of an attorney, retained or appointed. "Custodial Interrogation" means questioning initiated by law enforcement officers after a person has been taken into custody or otherwise deprived of his freedom of action in any significant way. *Miranda v. Arizona*, 384 U.S. 436 (1966).

The burden is on the prosecution, by a preponderance, to demonstrate the challenged confession was voluntarily made, that rights were given before a custodial interrogation, and that the rights were properly waived. *Miranda*, supra, 384 U.S. at 475 ("a heavy burden rests upon the government to demonstrate that the defendant knowingly and intelligently waived his (rights).")

The prosecutor failed to establish that it was more likely than not that the defendants were read their Miranda rights or acknowledged that they had a right to remain silent. The defendants testified that they were not read their rights, the Miranda advisement form was not signed by the defendants or any police officer, no officer took notes at the interrogation, and the interviews were not recorded in any way. *U.S. v. Lewis and Chambers*, 355 F. Supp. 2d. 870 (E.D. Mich. 2005).

After storming Appellants' home unbeknownst and uninviting from both entry doors then extracting defendant out of his bathroom in the midst of taking a shower, police claim defendant was lethargic and unresponsive. This analogy correspond's with the fact that the defendant was under the care of Doctor Esidine of the Saginaw Drug Rehabilitative Clinic and that Defendant had just minutes before the police's illegal entry into his home taken four (4) Suboxins Strips as prescribed, Suboxin is a strong sedative which can render its patients incoherent for hours at a time.

Furthermore Defendant was for all points and purposes in police custody, Defendant could not leave as he wished nor would his captors allow him to even smoke a cigarette in his own home.

Additionally, police claimed that they asked defendant if he had any meth making products. They make no claim to advising defendant of his custodial right to Miranda, they further go on to state that defendant miraculously recovers from his drug induced stupor and voluntarily takes police to a box on the floor of his utility room (they conveniently labeled as a bedroom) and say the meth is in there.

~~Lets be clear the officers testimony claims they found~~
nothing but a box of Sudiphedrine pills in a camping tout the defendant allegedly led police too.

Defendant admittedly denies leading the police to anything and if they did find a un-opened box of Sudiphedrine why was it not produced at trial as evidence? Where is the time receipt that all purchases of Sudiphedrine must give identification for at the time of purchase?

How about a picture of the alleged Sudiphedrine, they took pictures of everything else (probative evidence or not) in the home, but not as much as a receipt or even a picture of the essential main ingredient. They claim they had found. They allegedly found the perverbial smoking gun. But didn't even take a picture?

Defendant further contends that the police eventually took him outside his residence in hand-cuffs and placed him in the back-seat of officer Mays patrol car at which time trooper Laddy the primary officer sitting on the passenger side of the front seat made a statement to Defendant "I'm not going to bother to read you your Miranda rights because you probably have them memorized by now." Patrolman Laddy going on to say your facing 20 years minimum for a meth lab, say good bye to your home, vehicles, tools and everything else you may have it's all gone now. One of you are going to jail tonight you or your girlfriend. Which one is up to you - I suggest you start talking "if you ever want to see daylight again."

Defendant's response was, "I'll talk to my attorney, I ain't got nothing to say take me to jail." At the same time

an officer walked up to the passenger side door holding a Lipton Ice Tea bottle full of a brown slug. Officer Laddy then said to the defendant.

"I understand that you made it clear that you don't have anything to say, but I am going to tell you that if my officers get themselves hurt in anyway handling that bottle. "I'll have your ass." So you want to tell me whats in the bottle. Will it explode, is it toxic, what is it?"

At that point the defendant's cell phone rang and officer Mays sitting behind the drivers seat stated "look its Kevin Parsons." (this is one of defendant's co-defendants.) Should we answer it. Defendant spoke up and stated: "Yes answer it and while your at it ask that little - slime - ball what the hell is in the bottle."

Instead the officers decided to go back to Parsons residence to arrest him as an accomplice. At no such time did defendant ever make any inculpatory statements. That was the end of his communication with the officers.

In order to alleviate the ongoing problem of false confessions the law states all felony confession must be recorded. See generally MCL 763.7 - MCL 763.8 - MCL 763.9.

Defendant and Tammy Harbin was thereafter taken to the state Police Post where they sat unattended for around 20 minutes until it was decided that defendant's should be taken to the Caro Hospital for observation which this was carried out by a--

different trooper. The defendants' were examined with no diagnostic reports of any burns or anything and released back into the custody of the police where the trooper then took Johnson and Harbin to the County Jail where Harbin was released and Johnson was booked on charges of a meth lab, while in the County Jail Defendant Johnson had no further contact with law enforcement. Or the Michigan Department Of Corrections for over one week at which time he spoke with his Parole Agent Mr. Jim Wanless. The conversation was limited to Wanless describing Johnson's parole violations and without any admission Johnson conceded to serve a 90 day parole violation at T.R.V. Technical Rule Violation.

The Michigan Department of Corrections came to pick Johnson up to serve his incarceration at TRV, but this attempt was interrupted by the prosecution serving Johnson with a warrant for the above charges at the time Johnson was being prepared to leave with the Michigan Department of Corrections Transportation officials.

Defendant Johnson's trial counsel blantly ignored numerous requests by defendant for a evidentiary hearing and Miranda hearing. The arresting officers own sworn testimony that defendant was taken into custody at the time they first discovered him in the bathroom shower along with his own assertion that he then ask defendant inculpatating questions such as where is the meth and who was responsible for it,

before any mention of miranda rights does validate the need for a miranda hearing. If the defendant allegedly gave any intelligent, knowing waiver of his miranda rights after allegedly being interviewed at two separate police stations both equipped with DVD's and video why would the police neglect to record this as is prescribed by law?

Or in the very least requested a signed waiver or statement from the accused.

The jury in defendant's case was not given instruction that they were to consider the absence of a recording device as is required by law MCL 763.9 (3) of any alleged confession. this law was enacted in order to abolish all of these so called confessions the police too often claim to obtained with full cooperation only to later be completely refuted by un-supporting defendants.

As petitioner stated above although this issue was not rightfully raised by neither trial counsel nor appellate counsel it is nevertheless part of the factual record and refutes the Michigan court of appeals misconception that Petitioner gave any confession let alone was read his miranda as was required by law. Had Petitioners constitutional rights been considered at the time at the very least the alleged confession would have been thrown out on grounds it was not only un-lawful but it was not recorded as required by law. Under the United states Constitution 14th Amend. all citizens of a state shall be protected under that states laws. Clearly Petitioner wasn't afforded the same protections as other state citizens.

Because Petitioner kept asking his trial counsel to speak-up and object to all of count-less miss-representation of facts and staged evidence being introduced by the prosecutor. Petitioner was ordered to be gaged by his own counsel. Although it wasn't a physical gag it still had the same negative effect on the jury as the bailiff was ordered to stand behind Petitioner during the entire trial and whenever Petitioner tried to ask counsel a question the bailiff leaned over and reminded him he would be removed if he simply tried to even wisper a question to counsel. The bailiff standing behind him along with leg restraints obviously left a bad imprssion in the jurys mind.

The use of restraints on a prisoner in a courtroom is generally not permitted except to prevent escape, to protect other individuals in the courtroom, and or to maintain order. See *Woodwards v. Caldwell*, 430 F.2d 978, 982 (CA6, 1970); *People v. Baskin*, 145 Mich. App. 526 (1985); superseded by statute on other grds, *People v. O'Quinn*, 185 Mich. App. 40 (1985). The typical concern is the impact on the Fifth Amendment right to a fair trial. However, such restraint may also impermissibly interfere with the Sixth Amendment right to counsel either at trial or at sentencing. See *People v. Krueger*, 466 Mich. 50 (2002); *Illinois v. Allen*, 397 U.S. 337 (1970); *Szuchon v. Lehman*, 273 F.3d 299 (CA3, 2001); *Spivey v. Head*, 207 F.3d 1263 (CA11, 2000); *U.S. v. Durham*, 287 F.3d 1297 (CA11, 2002).

Shackling interferes with the defendant's ability to participate in his defense, and it is an affront to the dignity and decorum of the judicial proceedings. The appearance in shackles implies that court authorities consider

the defendant a danger to the community, a relevant factor in the jury's decision. The trial judge failed to make any findings on the need for restraints, such as the risk of escape or a threat to courtroom security. Defendant was not required to show prejudice. *Deck v. Missouri*, 544 U.S. 622; (2005).

Shackling petitioner in view of his jury was not harmless error. There was no finding that the evidence was overwhelming, or that the shackling was necessary, or that the jury would not infer from the shackles that petitioner was particularly dangerous or violent. The Michigan Court of Appeals' failure to recognize the likelihood of substantially injurious effects from the unnecessary shackling was an unreasonable application of the harmless error standard. *Ruimveld v. Birkett*, 404 F.3d 1006 (CA6, 2005).

The trial court abused its discretion by requiring defendant to wear leg shackles in the courtroom. There was no evidence to suggest that defendant was a flight risk, that he was likely to attempt to escape, or that shackles were required for the purpose of maintaining order in the courtroom. However, defendant failed to show prejudice. The defense table was skirted with paper, preventing the jury from seeing the shackles. *People v. Payne*, 285 Mich. App. 181 (2009).

The Michigan Supreme Court, in lieu of granting leave to appeal, reversed the Court of Appeals order denying defendant's motion to remand for an evidentiary hearing on the issue of whether his shackling during trial prejudiced his defense. The Court also reversed the Court of Appeals decision that defendant did not preserve the Constitutional issue. Counsel's request that defendant's hands be unshackled to avoid prejudice preserved the Due Process issue. On remand, if the jury saw the shackles, the burden will be the prosecutor to prove harmless error beyond a reasonable doubt. *People v. Davenport*, 488 Mich. 1054 (-2001).

NOTE: Appellant was never made to wear any type of restraint at any of the numerous hearings before trial nor was Appellant required to wear restraints at sentencing or any other post trial appearances. Only in front of the jury did the Court order Appellant be required to wear leg shackles.

Defendant contends that on or about 2013 he was paraded in front of potential juror's wearing leg shackles and instead of having defendant placed in the trial court and sitting down before jurors were brought in. Defendant was forced to hobble in to the court with awkward full leg shackles, along with a police escort in front of his waiting jury. This was highly prejudicial to defendants' presumed innocence. Nevertheless it was mandated without any just cause.

Where the cumulative effects of errors operate to deprive Defendant of Due Process of Law. Even if no single error in isolation does so. A new trial is required US. Const. VI.XIV: Const. 1963 Art I see 17. Herbert v Louisiana, 272 US. 312; 47 S Ct 103; 71 LEd 2d 270 (1926).

(A): Defense counsel neglected defendant's state and federal constitutional rights under the 14th Amend. Due Process clause and the 6th Amend. compulsory process in his failure to present a defense.

Un-knownst to the defendant until which time the prosecution had called all of the states witnesses and subsequently rested was it disclosed by the trial court that defense counsel failed to procure only two witnesses of the approximately twenty seven witnesses to the fact that Defendant's trial had been moved back three months on the court docket and that the subpoenas had ^{not} been up dated. See trial transcripts vol III pg 67. Mr. Thomas being questioned by the trial court as to whether or not Defendant's witness had been served for trial:

Mr Thomas: We didn't re-serve anybody, your Honor

Court : Mr Thomas were you able to ascertain wether or not those witnesses had been Subpoenaed?

Mr Thomas: Your Honor, I could find no returns of service in our files.

The only witnesses that were produced at trial were 2

gentlemen that had been call mates of the confidential informant / co- defendant Kaven Parson's. These witnesses were brought into court in handcuffs and prison orange jumpsuits. The only reason they were even called to testify was for the simple fact they were housed in the county jail and the prosecutor knew where to find them.

The property where the alleged teabottle^{meth} was found was found on a separat piece of property that had been recently added to the property deed which defendant's sister held and defendant's sister could have testified not only to this fact but to the fact that this property had a separat driveway and there was a majior problem problem with illegal dumping where the alleged bottle was found.

Sera Spencer the house keeper if subpoenaed would have testified that in fact she mixedup the miricle grow that was found under the kitchen sink in a one gallon glass jar. The state without any test-^{was}ing allowed to proclaim this plant food was coleman fuel used for cooking meth.

Dr Esidean would have testified that Defendant was on soboxin by his orders. This would have explained away the fact the Defendant was found by police in his own shower naked and seemed lathargic. (the total opposit of a meth reaction) Defendant just returned home from working all day and took his suboxin as prescribed before getting in his shower, yet un aposed the state was allowed to make this inocent action look as if it were criminal and odd.

Dr Maffozze if called to testify would have explained away the real reason Defendant had the driano and other drian cleaners Having five bathrooms in his house one of them was stoppedit for over two years and the doctor bought the drain cleaner for the Defendant to use to unclog his drain and had been woorking at the

doctor's house all day.

Had the Defendant's own lab expert been subpoenaed he could have effectively argued that they way the state admitted to adding hydrochloric acid to the suspect solution and then cooked it down on a hot plate was not only un-exceptionable but he would have confirmed that the state themselves made math and at the most the Defendant only had a few components at best.

The lab expert also could have negated the state lab tech.'s testimony that if the tea bottle tested positive for meth then it had to of contained lithium in it. this is absolutely untrue the so called meth could have been made with a plethora of other components such as red phosphorous or gun bluing or something else

Defendant's lab tech. could have argued successfully that Meth has a chemical fingerprint of 115 and the suspected solution the state had tested at 117. Defendant now sits in prison for something that didn't even test positive as meth. The state lab tech. admitted that the solution of 117 that he ^{first} claimed to be meth was in fact chloroform used to calibrate the machine. Yet Defendant was still convicted for the 117 solution.

Defendant subpoenaed his cell phone company in order to prove that he was home during the time he was said to be 50 miles away in Davison MI buying sudo pills. Again counsel and prosecutor forgot this witness also.

(8): Failure to seek an adjournment during trial when a highly potential exculpatory witness failed to appear after being subpoenaed Hodgson v Warren, 622 F3d 591 (6th cir).

Doctor Maffozz had a death in his family and had to go to Pacastand to bury his mother. The Doctor showed up 3 times prior to testify yet the court postponed for the day everytime

just before the very busy doctor was set to testify. and when he had no choice but to leave the country for his mother's death. counsel simply failed to ask for a continuance.

In US. V. Barke 553 Fd lexis 2449 Defendant's were entitled to a new trial because the district courts refusal to grant a continuance so the government could secure the attendance of witnesses was not harmless and violated defendant's sixth amendment right to a fair trial.

It is obvious that Defense counsel gave up the fight for the Defendant's rights before trial even began with his neglect in procuring Defendant's witnesses negated by the fact counsel did nothing to rectify his mistake in the way of a continuance or any other form of relief for his client. Taylor v Illinois, 484 us 400 (1988).

Consequently as a direct result of counsel's negligence to secure Defendant's Endorsed witnesses. Defendant was forced into an unfair possiton by the trial court to make do with and proceed with the only two witnesses they could seem to locate at the last minute. jailhouse witnesses. To further exasperbate this situation , counsel then fails to request a continuance until which time counsel would have ample oppertunity to secure the remainder of Defendant's rebutal witnesses.

The right of an accused to have compulsory process for obtaining witnesses in his favor stands on no lesser footing than the other 6th amend. rights that are applicable to the states. The right to offer the testimoney of witnesses, and to compel their attendannce if necessary, is in plain terms; the right to present a defense, and the right to present the defendant's varson

so it may decide where the truth lies. Just as an accused has the right to confront the prosecution's witnesses against him.

(C): Trial Counsel was defective when he failed to renew his request for a research assistant.

Two weeks before defendant's trial commenced trial counsel motioned the court for more time to prepare for trial. This request was subsequently denied by the sitting Judge Amy Giarhart with an suggestion that counsel put in a request for an investigator to help with the case load. Mainly it involved interviewing the Defense's endorsed witness (which was never accomplished) Defense counsel did make a formal request as was advised by the standing judge but on the day the motion went before the court and was heard there was a stand in judge who denied the ruling on the grounds it should be brought up in front of the presiding judge. Defense counsel simply proceeded on to trial unprepared without ever even speaking to any of the witnesses to see whether or not they did or did not have any probative testimony. Yet counsel went on to promise the the jury they would in fact testify, but in his obvious confusion counsel failed to re-new his subpoenas after the trial was moved back ~~to the same date~~. leaving the jury holding on to counsel's false promises with nothing more to alleviate or explain this false promise to the jury

The sixth amendment right to effective assistance of counsel, through the Due Process clause, requires the appointment of an investigator or expenses for an investigator for indigent defendant's. However provision of investigative assistance is not an automatic right,

and defense counsel must demonstrate the need for assistance based on the facts and circumstances of the case. Counsel should advise the court of specific aspects of the case he wishes to pursue and explain why counsel himself is un-able to investigate the matter. *Mason V Arizona*, 504 F2d 1345 (9th Cir. 1974).

Counsel did exactly this and was advised to request it in writing by the court. yet never did so. How can this be sound trial strategy. See June 17th hearing pg 28.

(D): Defense Counsel was ineffective in his failure to object to the state's lab results.

The lab results from the Bridgport lab were comprimized and the lab technicians in charge of the report could not explain who, where, or why there were time stamps on the alleged report, ^{Camp} from a different prosecutor's office → the Genesee County prosecutor's office. The lab tech. could not Affic garenty that the samples or the reports had not been comprimised and therefore they should not have been allowed in as evidence against Defendant.

The distric court did not error in denying admission of a defense exhibit because defendant failed to lay an adequate foudation. Even if the idntification of the handwriting was sufficient, the witness did not know what the numbers on the document signified. Defendant failed to establish the reliability of the exhibit. *U.S. v Brika*, 416 F3d 514 (ca6, 2005).

(E): Under Mich R evid. 702, and 403 the ~~State~~ lab tech testimony was incomplete and should not been allowed into evidence. It had no satistical data evidence accompaning it as is required by law under the Daubert test. *Daubert v Merrell Dow Pharmasudicals Inc.* 509 U.S. 597; 113 SCt 2786.

(F) Counsel was ineffective when although he admitted he had no knowledge of math or how to defend a case against it and the trial court granted the defence an expert lab assistant. Counsel neglected to call this witness to trial or during trial. U.S v Fessel 53 F2d 1275; People v Ackley 2014 Mich App Lexis 774 .

During jury deliberations the jury submitted a question to the court as follows:

Court: So the record should reflect that we have a few juror questions. The court has in camera reviewed those with the attorneys, and there are no objections of the court asking the questions. So I haven't done this in a while

Court: This is a new process for us, so we'll work together through the --so when you answered the bottle from Step 1, was tested, you were referring to the item removed from the toilet that had the sludge in it correct?

Prosecutors witness: Correct

Court: Is that correct?

Prosecutor's Witness: Yes

Court: And did it test positive?

Prosecutor's Witness: I believe it did, yes.

Court: And the last question is if it did test positive wasn't lithium necessary to make it test positive, even if it wasn't observed in the bottle?

Prosecutor's Witness: The answer is yes. .

Court: All right, Thank you. May this witness be excused Ms Coaster?

Ms Coaster: Your honor, can we ask a clarification question as to his answer to the question?

This answer that went unchallenged by defense counsel is absolutely ridiculous and untrue because there are several other componetes that could have been used in the cooking process other than using lithium. Such as red phafarious, or amodieuim nitrate or even Gun-bluing. The only reason the state chose to claim lithium, was the fact that they allegedly found lithium batteries in the co-defendant's coat pocket

The state did absolutely no testing for lithium, as it was their reasoning that lithium was too toxic to test for it.

Note: a simple unharmful test could have been performed by the state to determine whether or not lithium was present instead of giving an un-informed guess when the Defendant's life balanced on the answer. Had Defense counsel even bothered to call his own lab expert on the phone and asked this very question. The answer would have come out much differently. For there is no doubt that his answer would have been of at the very least one of common sense. and that is(No without testing you can't infer any specific chemical or compound is present in any mixture.)

The sixth Amendment right to a jury trial and Due Process clause of the fourteenth Amendment require that all the elements of the offense be submitted to the jury and proven beyond a reasonable doubt. *United States v. Gaudin*, 515 U.S. 506 (1995). This means, "[a]t the very least" that the evidence brought against a defendant and considered by the jury be presented at trial where the defendant can confront that evidence to the fullest extent possible". *Doan v. Brigano*, 237 F.3d 722(6th Cir.2001), overruled on other grounds by *Wiggins v. Smith*, 539 U.S. 510 (2003) granting habeas relief for improper jury experimentation, citing *Turner v. Louisiana*, 379 U.S. 466, 472-73 (1965).

Note; It had already been determined that the mixture in the bottle was not meth it had a chemical fingerprint of 117 and was determined to be chloroform. Therefore no lithium would have shown up on the graft as lithium. and their own spectrogram showed no lithium.

- (G) Counsel was ineffective in his failure to strike for cause juror Bishop. During Voir dire pg 34 line 6-9 juror Bishop was presented by the prosecution with the question of whether or not he could be impartial:

PROSECUTOR: Q: okay well based on your experiences are you going to be able to sit in a math case essentially and be impartial about it?

MR. BISHOP Q: Probably not.

To further confirm juror Bishop's biased mind set pg 40-43 Mr Bishop states that as part of his job as a union Rep. he was forced to represent people with drug problems to whom he was against and didn't like doing. On line 1 pg 41 defense attorney Thomas questions juror Bishop:

Mr Thomas: Q: Do you think you could be fair with charges involving the use of drugs or the manufacture of drugs or are you just against that entirely?

Q: You think you could be fair in deciding this case?

MR Bishop A: It'd be tough. I don't know.

See pg 48-49: Because Mr Bishop's grandson is now a police officer Mr Bishop believes in his grandson's honesty and integrity. He goes on to proclaim that all police officer's tell the truth.

Mr Thomas Q: I want to ask you folks some questions about police officers in general. There's going to be a lot of police officers testifying in this case. do you think--does anybody think--and can you raise your hand-- that police officer's are entitled to more of the benefits of the doubt that they're always telling the truth than any other witness? Anybody think that?

Mr Bishop A: My grandson just graduated out of the police academy in Victoria, Texas and I spent a lot of time with him and, you know

his class is more or less dependant on him telling the truth and--be--be upfront with ya so.

MR Thomas: So you tend to think that police officer's are more inclined to tell the truth, more than other people?

Mr Bishop: A: Yes sir.

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The Court: Q: Ladies and gentlemen that are in the jury box right now, you don't have to tell me why but I just want to make sure that you feel as though you'd be able to sit as a fair and impartial juror for any reason. any of these questions anything that comes to mind, is there anybody that doesn't feel that you could sit on this particular jury as a fair and impartial juror?

Juror Bishop: (Raises hand)

Juror Schook: (Raises hand)

The Court: Q: Mr Bishop?

Juror Bishop: Yeah

The Court: Q: Related to your representation of individuals?

Juror Bishop: A: Yes when it's got something to do with drugs I-- you know I've seen too much of it.

No further voir dire was conducted by the court or Mr Thomas as is mandated by law to refute or satisfy the obvious bias remarks of Juror Bishop.

Trial Counsel had a sworn duty to protect his clients 6th and 14th Amendment right to have an impartial jury, and 14th amend. right for failure to challenge this obvious biased juror for cause the 6th circuit has ruled that failure to challenge a biased juror can not be strategic decision. Miller v Webb 385 F3d666, (6th Cir2004) also see Johnson v armotroot 961 F2d 748.

(H): Failure to attempt to bar seating of an obviously biased juror

constituted ineffective assistance of counsel to a fundamental degree. Accordingly the court affirmed the trial court's grant of habeas relief on the condition the state retry defendant within 180 days. Counsel's failure to challenge for cause only to proceed on

using another one of Defendant's crucial peremptory strikes certainly prejudiced Defendant's attempt to seat an unbiased jury panel had been seated. There were still four biased jurors left

Mr. Beachy : Knows the cops and couldn't believe anything Defendant's

Co-defendant said. He said he would believe the cops over anyone else he also socialized with the cops on the case. Judge refused to release for cause and defendant was then forced to use another peremptory. pg 79.

Ms. Cox : Is against drugs and defendant's case hinges on personal use. But admittedly denied making any math.

She said she could set aside her personal opinions.

She worked for the same prosecutor's office years

before when Defendant was convicted for drunk driving and other charges.

Now Ms. Cox is ^{again} sitting in judgment of the same Defendant that she once helped to prosecute. If the state is allowed to use that ^{driving} same conviction to enhance Defendant's sentence. Then how can the state argue that there has been enough time lapse that Ms. Cox's loyalties no longer lie with the very office she once worked. If this is the case quick for who the Defendant's older charges shouldn't be used against him because of the significant time lapse.

MR. Rayl : After admitting to being friends with the head prosecutor and friends with the police on the case, along with having inside knowledge of the case from those very police

MR. Shantz: Thinks the term math lab means some one in their own home making and selling math

Thinks Cops are held to a higher standard of truth. Cops have to be better at telling the truth. Pg 92-94

(I): The Court : After Defense ran out of prempetory challenges the judge introduced the jury without asking if daffendant was satisfied. pg 110.

Where a trial court has rejected a defendant's for-cause challenges to jurors despite their serious doubts about the ability to be impartial, habeas relief may be appropriate. Wolfe v Brigeno, 232 F3d 499(6thCir.200)(defendant's rights to a fair and impartial jury was violated by the denial of defendant's for cause challenge of four biased jurors who expressed doubts as to whether they could be fair and impartial; two of them had close relationships with the victim's parents, one had heard news accounts of the crime and expressed doubt as whether she could decide the case on the evidence, and the fourth doubted he would require the prosecution to prove it's case beyond a reasonable doubt.)

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Juror Popham: pg 99-101 : A biased Police officer who was denied for cause and Defendant was forced to use a peremptory strike
Mr popham was an officer from the same police station as the arresting officers and was friends with the lead detectives yet the Defendant's challenge for cause was denied and defendant was once again forced to use another crucial paramptory strike.

Reversal was required by the trial court's refusal to dismiss for cause a juror who was a police officer in a community near the scene of the offense, who was a friend and co-worker of the

police witnesses, who had testified in numerous cases tried by the prosecuting attorney in this case, and who himself had investigated several similar offenses in his ten years as a police officer. Although employment as a police officer does not, without more, require disqualification of a prospective juror, the closeness of the juror's relationship with the prosecutor and police witness's in a case where the credibility of the testifying officers was especially crucial, was particularly troubling. People v Robert 162 Mich App. 60 (1987). This trial took place in a very small community. there is one judge and the police all know each other. this officer admitted to hanging out at the prosecutors house and watching football games with him and having cook outs with the officers in charge of the case.

(J): It was a jurisdictional defect to charge the Defendant with a second subsequent drug conviction using a 90 day misdemeanor to enhance a felony drug charge.

How can it even be logical that a 90day misdemeanor could double a felony drug conviction. A 10 to 20 year sentence can now be doubled because of a past 90 day maximum marijuana conviction. To a 20 to 40 year sentence This is a ridiculous abuse of the prosecutor's charging powers and against the legislature's intent

MCL§ 769.10 sec 10. (1) If a person has been convicted of a felony or an attempt to commit a felony, whether the conviction occurred in this state would have been for a felony or attempt to commit a felony in this state, the person shall be punished upon conviction of the subsequent felony and sentencing under section 13 of this chapter as follows:

and if the person is charged with a felony

Misdemeanors can only be used to enhance other misdemeanor charges and in some cases multiple misdemeanor convictions for the same offence can be added up to count as a felony which in turn could ^{used} by law to enhance a subsequent felony, but in no way does MCL 333-7413 authorize the use of a 90 day misdemeanor to be used to enhance a major felony drug conviction of operating a meth lab. This enhancement charged against the Defendant is violative to the legal principle of law and totally void of any common sense. Therefore it can not be allowed to stand. This procedure is not allowed in the Federal courts making it un-constitutional for any State to abridge such a law.

(K): No evidence to support charge of maintaining a meth lab. Unlike the challenges to the great weight of the evidence, which must be raised initially in the trial court, claims involving the sufficiency of the evidence may be raised on appeal without first moving for a new trial in the circuit court. *People v Patterson*, 428 Mich. 502 (1987).

The trial court admits during sentencing that Defendant's case bordered on the lower end of the less serious of a so-called meth lab and that it was only a one time incident or lack of judgement. Additionally she admits that this was a last minute thing that the Defendant was ~~talked~~ into. The charge of maintaining a meth lab means exactly that. (Maintaining) In Defendant's case all of the testimony by police and alleged witnesses suggest that this was in fact a one time/single incident and nothing more. Even the prosecutor's own theory is that co-defendant Kaven Parson's brought the meth over to Defendant's home and introduced it to him, then showing him how to make it

by the state's own account of that days events the Defendant in no way could be said to of been maintaining a meth lab. therefore the Maintaining charge is void of the essential element needed for a conviction under that charge and must be vacated.

The state produced no prior servalence, no privious arrest, and not even as much as a prior accusation to suport this maintaining theory. See:

The crime of maintaining a drug vehicle was reversed, and and his case was remanded for reconcideration, because while MCL§333.7405(1)(d) precluded a conviction for an isolated incident. without other evidence of continuity, the statue did not require the prosecution to show that the Defendant's actions occured "continuously for an appreciable period." People v thompson, 477 Mich, 146, 730 NW02 d 708, 2007 Mich. Lexis 953 (Mich. 2007).

(K): Counsel was ineffective in his failure to argue Defendant had an affirmative defence of personal use to negate the manufacture, maintaining, and possesion of meth charges.

There is absolutly no indication or even a accusation by the states that defendant's alleged actions were for anything other than simply for personal use. The state coceeds it was a one time thing for defendant's own personal use as well as the trail judge's acknowledgment at Defendant's sentencing hearing that Defendant had a propenciety to drink and do drugs if presented with such an oppertunity to do so, and that this was all about the Defendant getting high and nothing more that for his own personal use.

"Manufacture" means the production, preparation, compounding,

conversion, or processing of a controlled substance, directly or indirectly by extraction from substances of natural origin, or independently by means of chemical synthesis, or by a combination of extraction and chemical synthesis. It includes the packaging or repackaging of the substance or labeling or relabeling of its container, except that it does not include either of the following : (a) The preparation or compounding of a controlled substance by an individual for his own personal use.

(L) Counsel was ineffective in his failure to object to both the trial court and the prosecution's blatant interference and subsequent intimidation of exculpatory defense witnesses.

In and during a personal interview at the Jackson, MI prison co-defendant Kevan Parson told Defense counsel that he in fact brought the meth to Defendant's home. He further stated that Defendant wanted nothing to do with the drugs nor did he know or participate in the manufacture of the alleged drugs. Parson's also claimed that it was Tammy Harbin and Jessica Yax that went to Davison and bought the pseudo pills needed to make more meth and that Defendant stayed in his work shop working on the next days project without any knowledge of this or the fact Harbin and Yax's were cooking more meth. Parson also indicated that it was he alone who placed the suspect bottle in the toilet and that Defendant knew nothing about it. He also went on to admit that he indeed told the police about the whereabouts of said bottle and that is why during their raid on Defendant's home the police knew exactly where to look and find said bottle.

Parson's agreed to testify at Defendant's trial, but that testimony was forced by the direct interference by trial counsel the very instant Mr Parson's took the stand. Without any legal

right to do so and contrary to state and federal Law. The judge and the prosecutor in front of the witness discussed and then determined that if the co-defendant Parson's was to testify, to bring the drugs and hiding the bottle as they had intisepated that Parson's would incozed be once again charged with the charges the prosecutor had agreed to drop in lue of his plea bargain Parson's was now serving prison time for. In front of Parson's the prosecutor also informed Mr Parson'e that he would charge him with more charges on top of those that were dropped in exchnage for his plea if Parson's were at all to take the stand in dafense of the Defendant. See People v Hooper, 157 Mich App 669; 403 N.W.2d 605 1987

See People v Butler, 30 Mich App 561,562; Any interferences intimidation, or prevention concerning the right to have a witness heard leads to injustice. A prosecutor's duty is as much to refrain from proper methods calculated to produce a wrongfull conviction as it is to use every legitimate means to bring about just one He must see that the Defendant has a fair trial and protect the public who are as concerned with protecting the innocent as well as convicting the guilty. see: Webb v Texas, 409 U.S. 55,34 L.Ed 2d330, 93 SCt.351(1972).

ARGUMENT

DEFENDANT WAS DENIED DUE PROCESS PROTECTIONS WHERE TRIAL COUNSEL FAILED TO CHALLENGE THE DESTRUCTION OF EXCULPATORY EVIDENCE IN THE TRUST OF THE STATE.

Standard of Review:

For ineffective assistance of counsel claims, the "de novo" standard of review applies to the existing record. See e.g. People v. Barclay, 208 Mich App 670, 672; 528 NW2d 842 (1995).

Discussion:

A defendant seeking a new trial on the grounds that trial counsel was ineffective bears a heavy burden. To justify reversal under either the federal or state constitutions, a convicted defendant must satisfy the two-part test articulated by the United States Supreme Court in Strickland v. Washington, 466 ^{U.S.} ~~688~~ 688, 302-303; 521 NW2d 797 (1994). "First," the defendant must show that counsel's performance was deficient. "Second, the defendant must show that the deficient performance prejudiced the defense." *Id.* at 687. To demonstrate prejudice, the defendant must show the existence of a reasonable probability that, but for counsel's error, the result of the proceeding would have been different. *Id.* at 694. "A reasonable probability is a probability --

sufficient to undermine confidence in the outcome." *Id.* Because the defendant bears the burden of demonstrating both deficient performance and prejudice, the defendant necessarily bears the burden of establishing the factual predicate for his claim. See People v. Hoag, 460 Mich 1, 6: 594 NW2d 57 (1999).

More particularly, the failure of defense counsel to move for suppression of inadmissible evidence may amount to ineffective assistance of counsel, where defense counsel's failure affected the outcome of the trial. See Northrup v. Trippett, 265 F3d 372 (CA 6, 2001), cert den 535 US 955; 122 S Ct 1358; 152 L Ed 2d 354 (2000) (Fourth Amendment violation).

Turning to the underlying issue, defendant kept a jar of miracle grow under his kitchen sink for the sole purpose of watering the abundance of house plants throughout his home. Subject to a search warrant served on defendant on or about 1-8-2014, said jar of miracle grow was seized suspect of being a potential component that might be used in the production of meth. Per the record the state then transported the jar to the Bridgeport crime lab. *Id.* Vol II p. 55, where in the safety of the state crime lab, a controlled environment with all the necessary testing equipment at their disposal. The state deemed this jar of plant food unwarranted as evidence and subsequently destroyed it. *Id.* Vol I p. 294. At trial the state proceeded to falsely..

... claim this item to be Coleman Fuel. Defendant contends that the introduction of evidence against him was a violation of Michigan 403 and Federal 702 Rules of evidence and contrary to the United States Supreme Court ruling in *Brady v. Maryland*, 373 U.S. 83.

Defendant further contends that the state should not be allowed to destroy exculpatory evidence in their care, only to be permitted later to claim it to be something it was not. This item of evidence should have been properly tested and identified in a scientific manner. And not left to a jury to decide its make up by looking at a picture or going off the word of a biased police officer's opinion of what he needs it to be in order to prove his case.

Defendant asserts that the state was allowed to replace the original exculpatory evidence, which was destroyed at their own hands with their own can of Coleman fuel they purchased from a local store placing the can on the floor in full view of the jury. The state claimed the jar under the defendant's sink was Coleman fuel, but no evidence was introduced to substantiate this claim.

This Court should note, that the state destroyed what was plant food and substituted it with Coleman fuel. the very component the state needed to complete their theory that the defendant had all of the components needed to manufacture meth.

This violation of defendant's rights cannot be said to be harmless error when it goes to the very core of defendant's basic right to a fair trial also the...

... right to put on a defense. *Halbert v. Michigan*, 545 U.S. 605. The miracle grow and other exculpatory evidence was destroyed - thus - prohibiting the defendant's ability to prove his innocence. Under *Brady*, the state not allowed to infer guilt by the absence of something destroyed by their own hands. For the foregoing reasons, Defendant is entitled to a new trial.

The Michigan C.O.A. claim although Petitioner argues how the evidence was tested he don't explain how it was wrong. That's simply un-true. For one the state lab expert tells how he first tested it and it came back negative. He says he then add hydrochloric acid to the mix and cooked it down on a hot plate.

He had previously told the jury how one must add hydrochloric acid to a cook and cook it down in-order to make meth. So in all reality the lab tec was telling how he tried to make the substance into meth. Then the state destroyed the substance so it couldn't be tested by Petitioner. Even then after Petitioner's own son-in-law who's a chemistry professor at MSU looked at the graft he discovered the mixture the state claimed to be meth was in fact chloroform. Please read the trial transcripts they had no positive test to prove meth their own results were debunked they had chloroform they tried to pass off as meth. This case should have ended there in a mistrial instead it goes on and the Michigan court of appeals is still saying they found meth. simply UN_TRUE.

IN CONCLUSION

The Court Of Appeals (COA) states that even if Defendant was to prevail on any of his issues that it would be inconsequential due to the overwhelming evidence against the Defendant. Defendant points out the obvious, "what evidence?" There are only inadmissible hearsay statements volitile against the confrontation clause

The state used as so-called witnesses against him. They claim

to of obtained a confession from the Defendant himself, yet they

produced no signed statement, no miranda waiver, and no vidio

recording as was required by law. They produced no tangibal

proof of the pruchaces of the pseudosphedrine they claim Defendant

bought. Not even a time receipt or as much as a picture of the

alleged pills. The so-called Damming items the state claimed to

of found in the bathroom under the Defendant test negative for

hydrochloric acid, meth or anything else associated with the

production of meth. The two vials the state claimed to have tested

positive for meth was later proven to be cloriform the state lab

tech. admitted to leaving in the spectrogram before he inadvertently

tested the suspect solution. The alleged sample test out to have

a chemical finger print of 117 which the lab tech. admitted was

the cloriform. Meth carries a finger print of 115 therefore the

state proved nothing. This just proves the states own lab test

was flawed from the start when they failed to clean there spectrogram

before testing anything with it. So this cases actually comes down

to the word of a few biased police officers that have a interest

in the Defendant's conviction putting a parolaly back behind

bars and getting reconition for having the first meth lab bust in the county.

In this day and age especially when a man is facing several years behind bars and possibly life. The police ought not be allowed to merely suggest they found drugs, took statements, and even got a confession. They should be made to show proofs beyond a reasonable doubt. A case should be decided on the evidence or in the case at bar the lack of evidence not showmanship. This case was clearly nothing more than smoke and mirrors. The police used their persona of supreme greatness preconceived by a jury who was spoon fed nothing more than accusations and theories, and this un-witting jury gobbed it right up. Defendant didn't have a trial he faced an inquisition/a modern day witch hunt. "how dare this man introduce meth into our small quaint town. Lets burn him at the stake". That's exactly what they did. Nothing Defendant faced resembled a modern day civilized trial. Defendant wasn't even guilty but everything in this case eventually ends up getting twisted. Such as the claim Defendant was tested positive for meth. Defendants test came back negative for any meth, but the trial prosecutor got away with slipping in the lie that his test was positive without any objection from defense counsel. All of the co-defendants were taken to the county hospital for routine checkups there was no mention of any burn by the Defendant. Nor was any burn found, or even reported by the county hospital, but yet the prosecutions lies just keep on coming and they call me the criminal. Defendant humbly ask this honorable court to remand this case back down to the trial court for a new and fair trial or in the alternative grant an evidentiary hearing on defendant's miranda claims, his Ginter claims, evidentiary claims. Or any other relief this court see fit to issue. Thank you. sincerely:

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